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Filed: July 31, 2003)
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AND ITS MANUFACTURE)
METHOD) October 6, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of CN 1135660A, together with an English-language abstract, is enclosed.

CN 1135660A was cited in an Official Action in a Chinese application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated August 20, 2004, is enclosed.

According to a commercial database, U.S. Patent No. 5,981,945 is in the same family as CN 1135660A.

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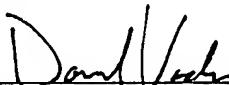
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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